

Priorities:

- ~ Healthy Lifestyles
- ~ Safe and Drug Free Community
- ~ Community Collaboration & Awareness
- ~ Youth/Family Development and Education



**Bryan County
Turning Point Coalition**



On behalf of Senator's Coburn's office, Josh Brecheen, right, is shown presenting the announcement award to Greg Howse, Bryan County Turning Point Coalition Chair for the "Drug Free Community" Grant.

Partners:

- Durant Public Schools
- Bryan Co. Health Dept.
- Bryan Co. Community Council
- Choctaw Nation:
 - Healthy Lifestyles
 - Community Health Programs/Health Services
- Durant Chamber of Commerce
- Durant Kiwanis Club
- Durant Lions Club
- Bryan Co. OSU Extension Svcs.
- Medical Center of Southeastern Oklahoma
- City of Durant -
 - Parks & Recreation Department
 - Southeast Oklahoma Division on Aging (SODA)
 - SMART START
- Radio Stations – KLBCFM
- Big Five C.A.A.
- Media - Durant Daily Democrat
- Victory Life Academy
- Youth Services of Bryan County
- SOSU Continuing Education
- Retired Appellate Court Judge
- Okla. Dept. of Human Services
- Legislators
- Crisis Pregnancy Center
- County Commissioners
- Durant Main Street
- Counseling Cnt. of S.E. Okla.



Major Outcomes:

- ★ In August, 2006, the Bryan County Turning Point Coalition received notification that the coalition's Safe and Drug Free Committee had been **awarded \$100,000 per year for five years** (total of \$500,000) through the US Department of Health and Human Services to implement a Drug Free Community Grant program. This Committee has set ambitious goals for the coalition which includes offering substance free activities for the youth, developing a social marketing campaign aimed at lowering the use of alcohol, marijuana and tobacco, develop or improve existing treatment services, and improve ordinances to assist with enforcement.
- ★ It is important to have people with a vision and desire for community change. We have embarked on an effort that has considerable challenges. We are working to get accurate, honest information to people and our youth on the dangers of substance abuse, develop a community culture where substance abuse is not the norm and is viewed as an unacceptable behavior, and actively engage our youth in positive activities.



A Lil Bit About Us...

The Bryan County Turning Point Coalition became a Turning Point partnership in 2002. This partnership has primarily focused on adolescent development and education but has recently identified additional health priorities such as nutrition, diabetes, cardio vascular disease, obesity, sedentary lifestyles and tobacco prevention. Over the past year, this coalition has developed new relationships; expanding the coalition's membership and representation of the community.

This partnership believes in the Turning Point philosophy that only through a community-based, decision-making process where community citizens taps into their own resources, strengths, and visions is when we can effectively promote positive and sustainable changes in the publics' health and the public health system.

Key Activities

- ~ The 1st Annual Turning Point Chili Challenge
- ~ Pandemic Influenza Community Planning Meeting
- ~ Systems of Care Discussions and Planning
- ~ Teen Pregnancy Prevention Activities
- ~ Fit and Healthy Schools Committee Training
- ~ Alcohol Enforcement Activities w/ Durant Police Dept.
- ~ Youth Leadership/Development
- ~ Under Age Alcohol Use Prevention Training
- ~ Male Health Involvement Initiatives
- ~ Health Promotion Activities
- ~ Summer Youth Fitness Camp
- ~ Drug Free Community Grant
- ~ Conducted Coalition Self Assessment
- ~ Adolescent Health Conference Planning
- ~ Parent Education Workshops
- ~ Media Campaigns on Positive Health Promotion
- ~ Environmental Strategies for Prevention
- ~ Violence Prevention

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